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DECLARATION AND PETITION

As below named inventor/owner, I/We hereby declare that:

The business address of inventor/owner is as follows:

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I/We believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LATCH ASSEMBLY WITH DEAD LATCH INDICATOR the specification of which was filed on August 27, 2003 as International Application Serial No. PCT/AU03/01096.

I/We hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed?
20022951348	Australia	September 3, 2002	Yes

I/We hereby declare: All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were

made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Wherefore I/We pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Dated: April 10, 2006

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis J. Bovasso", written over a horizontal line.

Louis J. Bovasso

**on behalf of, and as authorized by, ASSA
ABLOY Australia Pty Limited (formerly
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